अन्यथा के मामले के लिये सरकार द्वारा गठित की गयी एक विशेषज्ञ समिति द्वारा विचार किया जा रहा है। विशेषज्ञ समिति की रिपोर्ट सरकार ने प्राप्त कर ली है और वह उसके विचाराधीन है।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) और (घ) जी, हां।

(ङ) प्रश्न के भाग (क) के उत्तर में संदर्भित विशेषज्ञ समिति की रिपोर्ट की जांच के बाद, सरकार आवश्यक कदम उठायेगी।

**Availability of pulses**

2294. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita availability of pulses in India and how it compares with the developing and developed countries of the world;

(b) whether it is a fact that the per capita availability of pulses has declined; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to increase the production during Sixth and Seventh Plan together with targets set and achievement during the respective Plan periods.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The per capita availability of pulses was 15.4 kg. in India which compares well with that of 9.3 kg. in developing countries and 17.1 kg. in developed countries in 1989.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The targets set and achievements during the terminal years of Sixth and Seventh Plan are as under:

| Plan Period | Target | Achievements, |
|---|---|---|
| Sixth Plan (1934-35) | 14·5 | 11·96 |
| Seventh Plan (1989-90) | 14·75 | 12·61 |

(Million Tonnes)

To increase the production of pulses during the VI Plan, Centrally Sponsored Intensive Pulses Development Scheme and in the VII Plan National Pulses Development Programme and Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP)—Pulses were implemented to support the efforts of the State Governments. Financial support on various critical inputs and support services were provided under these programmes.

**Growth rate of Kharif and Rabi Foodgrains**

.2295. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) what was the average annual growth rate of Kharif and Rabi crops during the Sixth and Seventh Plan Period; and

(b) what specific steps are being taken to further accelerate the production of Kharif and Rabi foodgrains during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The compound growth rates of Kharif and Rabi foodgrains during the Sixth and Seventh Plan Periods are as under:—